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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Bro. Harley, of Pottstown, Pa., is at work for the College.

Bro. A. Showalter of Adrian, Mo., is working to pay the College debt.

Read what brother Josiah Keim and other brethren have to say about the College.

Bro. E. S. Miller has a correspondence in for next week about the work in the Miami Valley.

We have the pleasure of publishing an interesting article by sister Julia A. Wood this week.

Brother Brown's report of the meetings held in the Miami Valley is full of consolation. May that branch bring forth much fruit, and glorify God.

Bro. B. G. Frederick, of Ripon Cal., writes, that he cannot do without the EVAN.; also, that the weather is warm and pleasant there, and no frost yet.

Bro. E. L. Yoder's family are preparing to move to Lockwood, Mo., where he has been several months, and unable, on account of disease, to return home.

Our brother, of Maryland, who wrote on printing papers is a Christian. He is in no way hurt by our remarks, and has an article in that will appear next week.

Brother Faidley has made the interesting discovery that the A. M. brethren are the bridle-rein, according to one minister, and ought to exercise power over the tongue.

Sister Laura Slotter sends in a splendid pledge for the College. If we had a few hundred sisters as zealous as she, and as benevolent, no church work would lack assistance.

Some good brother sends us a nice list of names from South Bend, Ind., with payment in full. Letters without names are all right when put up like that one. He will accept our thanks.

The Annual will be out by and by. We expected to have it out before this time, but we are delayed in securing engravings; so we are obliged to wait, and make those who have sent in orders, wait too.

The Ashland City Church held its quarterly social last Friday night. The church here is working in perfect harmony, and while it is small now, we believe there is increase for it in the future.

Many of our exchanges have dropped one or two numbers, consequently they have a rest; but we are going right on, and we trust our readers will appreciate the two extra numbers that is given them this year.

Brethren do not forget to write your correspondence of special importance on a separate sheet, that it may not escape attention. We have delayed publishing important matter, lately, because it was embodied in articles which we supposed were essays.

Bro. H. R. Holsinger left Ashland on Wednesday morning of last week. His short visit was spent, principally in considering points relative to his work. He is full of zeal, and ready to sacrifice still more for the honor of the church, and the saving of our educational institution.

The Brethren about New Paris, Ind., were about to purchase an old church house in that place and Elder Shively, to head them off, slipped in and bought it. Now the brethren propose to build a new house and the elder has the old house on his hands and has no use for it.

About the middle of this month brother S. H. Bashor went to Lanark, Ill., to conduct a series of meetings, in the Baptist Church, an outpost of the Brethren congregation. On the evening of the 13th. two, from influential families came forward, and there was deep interest. On the 14th, two more came, and the next day fifty extra chairs were taken from the public hall to enlarge the accommodations. From that time forward, some one made the good choice nearly every evening until the meeting closed, and a good number from the families in the best social standing have been added to the church there. We await with interest a full report of the meetings. Bro. Bashor has lost none of his success in carrying the banner of the Lord to victory.

THE FIELD.

BLANCO, PA.—The suggestion in No. 47, in reference to Evangelistic work in Pa., being looked upon favorably with but one exception, I will try to remove the objection if possible, agreeing with many others that such a work is much needed among us. The objection refers to the manner of selecting the Evangelists. Our indefatigable Brother, W. L. Spanogle, says, "the membership, composing the various churches, cannot vote intelligently for Evangelists because they do not know the preachers of Pennsylvania." He further says, His personal acquaintance with the ministers of Pa., does not exceed a baker's dozen, and as he did not hear them preach, he could not know their respective abilities.

I will cheerfully concede all this to my dear brother and add to this that perhaps all the ministers in Pa. can say the same. Now these premises being true, how could we make a better choice in convention? If to learn a ministers ability so as to vote intelligently, we must hear him preach one or more sermons. The convention would necessarily have to be long tedious and expensive. Now then if we must have random work, please let us have it as cheap as possible, and apply all we possibly can to the spreading of the gospel.

I offer the following: Let the ministers in the several congregations in Pa., name to their congregations the ministers with whom they are acquainted personally or by reputation; let two or more be nominated and from the number of names let two be chosen by each congregation; let the names, with the amount subscribed for their support be sent to the receiving Committee and let the two who are represented by a majority of the congregations constitute the Evangelist for the one year.

Brethren, if a better method or system can be offered I am ready to acquiesce.

Now may the Lord of all grace, direct the work so that it may result in much good. Brethren and sisters, let us all labor and pray for a general revival and

ingathering of souls into the fold of Jesus.

"Now may grace mercy and peace be multiplied."

J. B. WAMPLER.

LOGAN, OHIO, Dec. 13, '85.—At this writing the weather is so inclement that we could not get to church, and I thought that I might pen a few lines to let you know that we are still alive here. But we ought to be mourning we have lost one of our family in whom we had great hopes of help in our church—but such is life, and our loss is another's home gain. We did not appreciate him as our brethren at Sweet Home did. I hope it may be Sweet Home on earth and still sweeter home in heaven when we all get there. Let us praise the Lord.

We did not give his name, it is Brother J. M. Rittgers, and family. Six of this family belongs to the Brethren church, and ere long may they all belong. We still have two pastors here. One of them is young, but we pray God to give such talent and spiritual food that he may win scores of souls to the Lord.

The EVANGELIST is a welcome, warm friend of ours. Such refreshment as has been in the last several numbers is encouraging. I think that piece by brother J. H. Worst is one of the best, it is too true. Let us not watch others so much and look at our own self.

JOHN KISTLER.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 24.—In number 51, I noticed an article headed "Church Discipline" written by Elders H. R. Holsinger and S. H. Bashor. I see by the article that they are true and faithful to the cause they have espoused; true to the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ, that they are not carried about "with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men." We should accept the Church Discipline, the doctrine of Christ, as stated in the article by the brethren. We can do no more than reaffirm and endorse the action of the Dayton Convention.

By so doing we will become as strong as though we had emerged from a new convention. What else could we do in an other convention but endorse the Dayton Convention? We do not believe in human wisdom and mandatory laws. I am sure the way is open to our ministry, to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, just as much so as it was to the Apostle Paul and to others.

M. W. KEIM.

BEAR CREEK, OHIO.—Six miles west of Dayton, on the Eaton Pike, in the renowned Miami Valley, is located what is known as the Bear Creek meeting house, a substantial brick structure with slate roof, modern style, and conveniences. This is one of the first houses built as a necessity arising out of the infamy of the Arnold's Grove, A. M. and was erected after the Ashland Covenant in 1882. In March 1883 the house was dedicated by Bro. Bashor, followed with a two weeks meeting, which resulted in about 20 additions; and in the latter part of December of the same year, and first of January 1884, Bro. J. H. Worst held another meeting about three weeks continuance, with an in-

gathering of about 22, and since that time there have been gradual additions both by relation and baptism.

On the 27th of November we had the pleasure of meeting with the Bear Creek brethren for the first time, and found many warm hearted and zealous Christians among them, while some, as is always the case, were a little cold, and what was worse, there was not the harmony among them that should be, and must be in order to succeed. Some injudicious things had been done things almost always to be looked for in young organizations. Even under the inspired teachings of St. Paul, things were not harmonious. But when men are honest and not ambitious, not actuated by a thirst for power, or designing to rob others of their God given right, all can soon be made right and the best way to get men and women right when they get a little tangled, is to preach to them; drive it right home, and if that will fail to promote union and create love, all the wrangling church meetings you can hold in Christendom or even in the Miami Valley, will equally fail. We have as yet found no better remedy to cure all troubles, and sins than the gospel faithfully preached. It will work out a cure, "for it is the power of God unto salvation." It did so here.

We had fair congregations from the start and in a few days there seemed to be some interest, and a few manifested some concern; two, had even come forward, and we thought all was going well. But on the evening of Dec. 4th a regular blizzard struck us, and the house being located on a "hill" like those Bro. Kiefer told us about, the wind was very strong and cold, for nearly a week and about all the tears that were shed during that time were caused by the smoke which would go the wrong way, on the west side of the house. This came well nigh killing what little life we had in the meeting, and we were almost ready to give it up as a failure, but by the evening of the 12th, another wave struck us. This time it came from the upper sanctuary. The weather had moderated, the wind ceased blowing, the smoke went upward, the dark nights began to yield to the new moon, and since that, the congregations were large, sometimes to overflowing, many had to go away unable to get into the house. But as Bro. Miller agreed to write out for the E. a report of the meeting we will not follow the subject any farther here. Will say, however, that the visit to the Valley was, upon the whole, a pleasant one. We renewed some acquaintances and formed many new ones, and that under circumstances that will make them durable; and long, shall we remember the dear lambs, of the flock, at Bear Creek, as well as the older members who have shown us much kindness.

All are now working in harmony, and the little difference of the past is all buried. Ministers and all, have learned that mutual forbearance, self-denial and sacrifices are necessary for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ, and we believe that the Bear Creek brethren will prosecute the work with renewed energy and will.

We feel to thank one and all, for the many words of cheer.

We made our home during this visit, principally with the hospitable families of Brethren Abraham Beeghly, and Michael C. Kimmel, where the comforts of friendship and home are boundless, and now, in conclusion, we can say nothing better than, God bless the dear ones at Bear Creek.

P. J. BROWN.

Congress, Ohio, Dec. 25.

MAURERTOWN, VA., Dec. 21.—At our regular meeting in the hospitable Valley of Powells Fort, one young lady made the good confession and today was added by baptism to the fold of Christ to walk in the newness of life.

E. B. SHAVER.

BLANCO, PA., Dec. 23.—During the series of meetings held in the Bush Valley meeting house, Armstrong Co., Pa., there was excellent order. The meetings closed with communion services and a good interest. As an immediate result, eight were converted, made the good confession, and were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Two had been members of the "Brethren in Christ," church that was originated some years ago by George Shoemaker. The little body is now almost extinct. I do hope and pray God that he may overrule, that their entire membership may follow the example of the two alluded to. One of whom remarked, since she united that, she had come back to the original fountain for a drink.

On our way home we stopped in the Red Bank congregation, and gave communion to, and anointed a sister who is in the last stages of consumption: may God bless and sustain her during her illness and finally save us all. Amen.

J. B. WAMPLER.

MARRIED.

On the evening of the 24, inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, near Carrollton, by the undersigned, Mr. Chas. S. Billman, teacher of theory in the Dayton City Commercial College to Miss L. May Meyers, of Montgomery Co. May happy and long life accompany them.

E. S. MILLER.

DIED.

On Dec. 14, 1885, at her residence near Milford, Ind., Sister Lavina Fisher, aged 52 years, 9 months and 6 days. Disease, lung fever. Sister Fisher was beloved by all who knew her, as was fully seen by the large gathering of people on the day of her funeral. It was my happy privilege to baptize her into the Brethren Church on May 18, last. It was hard for the brethren and sisters of the Milford church to give her up as she is the first of their number, to fall asleep. She leaves Bro. Fisher and several children to mourn her loss. The youngest sister, Ida, is about 16 years of age, but they can truly appropriate our text used upon the sorrowful occasion:

"I would not have you sorrow as those that have no hope." Yes, dear brother Fisher, 'tis but a little while and we shall meet her.

Her Christian zeal knew no bounds, but she can now be present with her Lord while the fruits of labor will follow her. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

"We speak of the realms of the blest That country so bright and so fair, And oft are its glories confessed. But what must it be to be there."

R. F. MALLOTT.

Have you heard of Dr. J. H. McLean's Tar Wine Lung Balm? It is really wonderful how rapidly it cures Coughing, Throat and Lung Troubles.